

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ANTHONY ORTIZ,

Petitioner,

20-cv-2785 (PKC)

-against-

ORDER

THOMAS DECKER, in his official capacity as Director of the New York Field Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, CHAD WOLF, in his official capacity as Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; WILLIAM BARR, United States Attorney General; STEVEN AHRENDT, Warden of the Bergen County Jail,

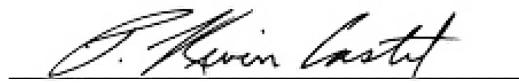
Respondents.

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CASTEL, U.S.D.J.

Since February 12, 2020, Petitioner Anthony Ortiz has been detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) at the Bergen County Jail in Hackensack, New Jersey. (Doc. 1 ¶ 1). Mr. Ortiz suffers from a compromised immune system. (Doc. 1 ¶ 2). On April 3, 2020, Mr. Ortiz filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, seeking his immediate release from custody.

For substantially the same reasons as put forth by Judge Engelmayer in Reyes v. Decker, No. 20-cv-2737 (PAE) (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 2, 2020) (Dkt. No. 4), the Court holds *sua sponte* that it lacks venue over Mr. Ortiz’s habeas claim and therefore transfers this action to the District of New Jersey. The Court also waives the seven-day period provided in Local Civil Rule 83.1 to effectuate a transfer to a different district.

SO ORDERED.



P. Kevin Castel

United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York
April 8, 2020